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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/030,692

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OPTICALLY PURE TETRAHYDROFOLIC ACID AND DERIVATIVES
THEREOF, BY STEREOSPECIFIC HYDROGENATION

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In reply to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002 in the above-identified application, please make the following amendments and consider the remarks which follow:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 20-28 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

a' 1. (Amended) A process for the preparation of tetrahydropterin and tetrahydropterin derivatives by the hydrogenation of pterin and pterin derivatives with

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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